

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: HUBBERT, Catherine, S. Art Unit: 1636

Re: Application of: NALDINE, Luigi et al.

Serial No.: 10/554,181

Filed: December 27, 2005

For: **LENTIVIRAL VECTORS CARRYING SYNTHETIC
BI-DIRECTIONAL PROMOTERS AND USES
THEREOF**

Confirmation No. 1875

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 12, 2010

SIR :

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 12, 2009, the Advisory Action dated January 26, 2010, and further to the Notice of Appeal mailed on May 12, 2010, please amend this application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time for three months, up to and including October 12, 2010, together with the required fee for a small entity, is also enclosed, along with a Request for Continued Examination, and the required fee for a small entity. A Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 is also enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this document is being electronically transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents via EFS-Web on October 12, 2010.

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